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Of the *French*

CLERGY

against the Court of

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Acts of the Assembly of My Lords the
Arch-Bishops and Bishops that were
at *Paris*, held by the Kings Order in
the Arch-Bishoprick, on Thursday
the Thirtieth of the Month of September,
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A Circular Letter from the Agents General of
the Clergy of France, Written by the Kings
Order to my Lords the Arch-Bishops and
Bishops of the Realm.

My Lord,

Having received from My Lord Arch Bishop of Paris,
the Kings Orders for the Assembling in the Arch-
Bishoprick My Lords the Arch-Bishops and Bi-
shops that were in Paris; We have accordingly so done in the
usual manner. You will understand, My Lord, by the
Copy of the Verbal proofs which we send you, all that has
passed in the Assembly you will therein see the Kings Intenti-
ons, and His Majesties carriage so full of Esteem and distin-
ction towards the Clergy of France. He did not content him-
self with imparting the present Affairs to the Prelats now
about his person, His Majesty would needs honour with the
same Grace all those of this Kingdom in particular, Ordering
us to give you an Account of all that has passed, and accord-
ingly to send you the Acts of them. It is with great joy, My
Lord, that we acquit our selves of this duty, and lay hold on
this Occasion to assure you, that we are with profound Respect,

My Lord,

Your Most Humble and Most Obedi-
ent Servants, the Agents General
of the Clergy of France.

The Abbot de VILLARS.

The Abbot PHILYPEAUX.

Paris this 2d. of
October, 1688.

Proceedings of the *French* Clergy against
the Court of *Rome*, or, Acts of the
Assembly of My Lords the Arch-
Bishops and Bishops that were at *Pa-
ris*, held by the Kings Order in the
Arch-Bishoprick ; on Thursday the
30th. of the Month of *Septemb.* 1688.

IN the Year One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty
Eight, on the 30th. and last day of *September*, My
Lords the Arch-Bishops and Bishops that were
at *Paris* on Concerns of their Diocesses, having
by the Kings Order been Convened in the usual
Manner, and according to the Regulations of the
Clergy, they repaired about 10 a Clock in the Morning to
the Palace of the Most Illustrious and Most Reverend
Lord Messire *Francis de Harlay* Arch-Bishop of *Paris*,
Duke and Peer of *France*, Commander of His Majesties
Orders, Provost of *Sorbonne*, Superiour of the House of
Navarre, the Most Ancient of the Prelats in this City.
The Most Illustrious and Most Reverend Lords Messires
Charles Maurice le Tellier, Arch-Bishop Duke of *Reims*,
First Peer of *France*, Legat. born of the Holy Apostolicall

See, Primate of *Belgick Gaul*, *Charles le Goux de la Berchere* Bishop of *Lavaur*, Nominated by the King to the Arch-Bishoprick of *Alby*, *Daniel de Cofnac* Bishop of *Valence* and *Die*, Nominated by His Majesty to the Arch-Bishoprick of *Aix*, *Denis Sanguin* Bishop of *Senlis*, *Toussain de Forbin de Janson* Bishop Count de *Beauvais*, Peer of *France*, *Francis de Clermont de Tonnerre* Bishop Count de *Noyon*, Peer of *France*, *Matthew Thoreau* Bishop of *Dol*, *Francis Nesmond* Bishop of *Bayeux*. *Anthony Francis de Berthier* Bishop of *Rieux*. *James Segurier* Bishop of *Nismes*, *Francis Battailier* Bishop of *Bethlehem*, *Lewis Anne Aubert de Velleferin* Bishop and Lord of *Senex*, *Paul Philip de Chaumont* Bishop of *Aix*. *Peter du Laurens* Bishop of *Bellay*, *Peter de la Brone* Bishop of *Mirepoix*, *Humbert Ancelin* Bishop of *Tulles*. *Jean Baptist d'Estrees* Bishop Duke of *Laon*, Peer of *France*, *Lewis Marcel de Costogon* Bishop of *S. Brieux*. *Lewis Joseph Adheymer de Monteil de Grignan* Bishop of *Carcassonne*, *Charles Benigne Herve*, Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Gap* *James de Maretz*, Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Riez*, *Charles de Villeneuve de Vence* Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Glandeve*, *Victor Augustin de Mailly*, Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Lavaur*, *Henry de Nesmond*, Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Montauban*, And *Peter Francis de Beauvon* Nominated to the Bishoprick of *Sarlat*.

All having in the usual manner taken their Places according to their Ranks, the President, My Lord Arch-Bishop of *Paris*, did, as is Customary, offer up the Prayer of the Holy Ghost; after which the Abbot de *Villars*, Agent; being at the Bar, said.

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My Lords,

Having received from my Lord Arch-Bishop of *Paris*, the Kings Orders for the Convening you in the Arch-Bishoprick : We have accordingly performed them in the wonted manner with all possible diligence. The same Orders, *My Lords*, Engage us to give your Lordships an Account of two Acts, which His Majesty out of the singular esteem He has for your Persons, is willing to impart to you. The first is a Letter which His Majesty Writ to my Lord Cardinal *d'Estrees* on the 6th. of *September*, 1688. on occasion of the present posture of Affairs. And the second is an Act of Appeal put in to the future General Council, by the Attorney General of the Parliament on the Twenty seventh of *September*, in the same Year ; which Act His Majesty thought not convenient to make publick till after having Communicated it to you. If your Lordships think it fitting, be pleased to allow me the Honour of Reading to you both those Acts.

After which my Lord Arch-Bishop of *Paris* ordered the Abbot *De Villars* to read the Acts newly mentioned which he accordingly performed ; and that being over, My Lord Arch-Bishop of *Paris* spoke in the manner following,

My Lords,

The King Commanded me to signifie to your Agents that you should meet in this Place, that so in Quality of Ancient I might acquaint you with
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the Confidence His Majesty is pleas'd to Honour you withal in the present Juncture of Affairs. You may have understood by the Letter His Majesty writ to the Cardinal D'Estree's the posture of Affairs at this time, and the Just and Reasonable Diffidence His Majesty entertains of the Popes Intentions, who could not be prevail'd upon by all the Submissions he has paid him, not only as Eldest Son of the Church, which respects the Common Father of Christians, but likewise as a Prince endowed with an Exemplary Piety, so as to omit no manner of means for the gaining His Affection.

Nevertheless, My Lords, The Kings most Faithful Servants are now perswaded that Our Holy Father has worn His Majesty out of all Patience, and has left no Room to question his Entire Partiality for and Favour to the most declared Enemies of His Crown.

This induc'd him to send His Orders to the Cardinal D'Estree's at *Rome*, and here to permit the Attorney General of the Parliament to put in an Appeal to the Future General Council of the Grievances suffered or to be suffered in the time of this Popedom, and the more since the Pope's late Conduct affords Reasonable Matter for Apprehension to that Worthy Magistrate that Our Holy Father the Pope will continue the same Measures in the Process of these Affairs.

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And this, My Lords, to the intent that if His Holiness suffered himself to be led away by his Prepossessions so far as to Employ the Spiritual Arms of the Church to the Prejudice of His Majesties Subjects and Dominions, the Attorney General might by this Act put a stop to all the Ecclesiastical Proceedings of a Pope incensed against *France*; and that the Appeal to the Future General Council, which, according to our Fundamental Maxims, is own'd Superiour to all Ecclesiastical Estate and Person without Exception, even of that of the Pope, might suspend all the Effects of his Ill-Will, or render them ineffectual.

My Official has given an Act of this Appeal to the Attorney General, who required it at the Tribunal of my Jurisdiction; Where this Magistrate did likewise demand of him Letters called *Apotres*, for the prosecuting this Appeal in Time and Place.

The King, My Lords, does not question but that you will with Satisfaction understand the Wise Precaution of this Ecclesiastical Proceeding, which encourages the most timorous Consciences, puts matters into a Regular Course; nay, and prevents the Troubles which His Majesty indeed could otherwise disperse by the Power and Justice of his Armes.

But he expects from your Zeal and Fidelity, that you will in your Diocesses employ your Instructions and Solitudes for the making His Subjects understand the Prudence and Moderation of His Conduct.

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His Majesty is perswaded that knowing perfectly as you do, the difference there is between a Dispute of Religion and a Warre purely Temporal, you will be able to remove the Alarms of the most scrupulous Persons, and dispell the Effects of the Malignity of those that should entertain the worst Intentions to His Service, and the Quiet of the State.

The King has further Commanded me to give his Orders to your Agents to make His Intentions known to our Absent Brethren; Who notwithstanding their distance, will by this means partake in the Honour he Vouchsafes us at this time.

Further, His Majesty does not doubt but that you will employ your Prayers that the Peace may become General to all *Christendom*, and that there may be a good Understanding between our Holy Father the Pope and the King, in Order to which so many Advances have been made by His Majesty.

His Majesty on his part will omit nothing that is Just and Reasonable for the bringing about this Design. And He has reason to Hope, that being upheld by his own Valour and your Zeal, God will hear his Vowes, and abundantly bless His Intentions and Piety.

After this Discourse, the Company with a Common and Unanimous Voice entreated My Lord Arch-bishop of *Paris* most humbly to thank His Majesty for the Honour he did them in imparting to them what was done and occur'd

occurr'd in the important Affairs contained in the Acts which had been newly read, being not able to do better at this time than to acknowledge this favour by Vowes, That it would please God to inspire the Pope in this Occasion with Sentiments of Peace by Eulogies of the Kings Piety, by most humble Thanks and Acknowledgements, and respectful Applauses on His Majesties Wise Conduct. Given at *Paris* on the day and year above-mentioned.

† *Francis* Arch-bishop of *Paris* President.

† *Charles Maurice* Bishop, Duke of *Reims*.

† *Charles* Bishop of *Lavaur*, nominated Arch-bishop of *Alby*.

† *Daniel de Cosnac* Bishop and Count of *Valence & Die*, nominated Bishop of *Aix*.

† *Denis Sanguin* Bishop of *Sentlis*.

† *Toussaint* Bishop and Count de *Beauvais*.

† *Francis* Bishop of *Bayeux*.

† *Francis de Clermont* Bishop, Count de *Noyon*.

† *Antoine Francis* Bishop of *Rieux*.

† *Mathieu* Bishop of *Dol*.

† *Segnier* Bishop of *Nismes*.

† *Francois* Bishop of *Bethleem*.

- † *Louis Anne* Bishop of *Senes*.
- † *Paul Philippe* Bishop of *Acqs*.
- † *Pierre* Bishop of *Belley*.
- † *Pierre* Bishop of *Mirepoix*.
- † *Humbert* Bishop of *Tulles*.
- † *Jean d'Estree's* Bishop, Duke of *Laon*.
- † *Louis Marcel d'Coetlogon* Bishop of *St. Briens*.
- † *Louis Joseph d'Grignan* Bishop of *Carcaſſonne*.
- † *Charles Benigne Herve* nominated Bishop of *Gap*:
- † *Jacques des Mareſts* nominated Bishop of *Riez*.
- † *Charles de Villeneuve de Vence* nominated Bishop of *Glandeve*.
- † *Victor Auguſtin* nominated Bishop of *Lavaur*.
- † *Henry de Neſmond* nominated Bishop of *Montauban*.
- † *Pierre Fr. de Beauvau* nominated Bishop of *Sarlat*.

By the ſaid Lords,

*The Abbot de Villars Agent General of the Clergy of
France, and Secretary of the Aſſembly.*

